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Fixed Gear Fishermen of Massachusetts,

Marine Fisheries will be conducting its annual spring trawl survey throughout state coastal waters beginning September 2, 2025. Surveys have been conducted each May and September since 1978 to provide a consistent sampling of benthic fishes and mobile invertebrates. Survey data is used to monitor the condition of various marine stocks. The data is also used to inform the environmental review process, which advises on ways to minimize construction impacts on fisheries resources. Maintaining access to the planned sampling sites is critical to the integrity of the survey.

Please review either the live map on our website or the attached tables and maps of station locations. The live map displays all remaining tow locations, the map can be found on our [Review trawl survey updates](#) web page. The live map has a feature which allows you to display your current location. On the upper lefthand side of the map page select the "scope icon" button just below the home button. With the location feature toggled on, your device will display your live location on the map in relation to tow circles and historical tows. This feature can be used to assure gear is not in conflict with planned tows. **We kindly ask for your cooperation and insist that all fixed gear be kept clear of the shaded station tow circles by the dates listed in the table.** The coordinates of each selected point are provided in the attached table. The live map and attached figures show the station with a 1.5 n. mi. diameter circle around the selected point. All station circles are trimmed to the appropriate stratum which represents actual station outline. This survey notice can also be accessed on our [Review trawl survey updates](#) web page. We will make every attempt to complete stations as timely as possible to minimize inconvenience to fixed gear fishermen. Completed stations will be updated and announced daily to notify fishermen that gear can be returned to the area. *Marine Fisheries* is prepared to attach restrictions to permits (under 322 CMR 7.01 (7)), mandating that fixed gear is not set on designated trawl survey sites between the announced date and notification of station completion. It remains our hope that this action will be unnecessary.

Each day, the MLA will be notified of survey progress and all completed stations will be removed from the live map. The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association will also post

survey information on their website, Lobstermen.com, as well as on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/lobstermensassoc) (username: lobstermensassoc).

In the event of a delay due to weather, the schedule will be resumed as soon as working conditions permit. Fishermen can contact the R/V *Gloria Michelle* on VHF channels 13 or 16 to determine the updated daily schedule.

Personnel aboard the NOAA R/V *Gloria Michelle*, a 65' western rigged steel stern trawler with a blue hull and white deckhouse, will carefully check each site for marked gear by cruising along a selected tow path before the net is set. Twenty-minute tows undertaken at 2.5 knots cover approximately 0.8 nautical miles. We encourage communicating helpful information to the R/V officers (via channels 13 or 16).

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and is vital to the effective monitoring of marine resources in the Commonwealth. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact me (steve.wilcox@mass.gov or (978) 559-9260). If you have any questions about the *Marine Fisheries* website, or Facebook, please contact Story Reed (story.reed@mass.gov or (617) 626-1524).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Wilcox".

Steven Wilcox
Senior Marine Fisheries Biologist

Cc. Dan McKiernan, Director

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations for Cape Ann and north.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30	9/6/2025	42°40.456	-70°41.501	42.6743	-70.6917	31-1
0-30	9/6/2025	42°42.060	-70°44.678	42.7010	-70.7446	31-2
31-60	9/6/2025	42°49.571	-70°47.656	42.8262	-70.7943	32-1
31-60	9/6/2025	42°45.576	-70°46.429	42.7596	-70.7738	32-2
61-90	9/6/2025	42°44.310	-70°43.267	42.7385	-70.7211	33-1
61-90	9/6/2025	42°49.333	-70°46.466	42.8222	-70.7744	33-2
61-90	9/6/2025	42°41.965	-70°40.758	42.6994	-70.6793	33-3
91-120	9/6/2025	42°51.894	-70°45.154	42.8649	-70.7526	34-1
91-120	9/6/2025	42°41.807	-70°36.098	42.6968	-70.6016	34-2
91-120	9/6/2025	42°44.493	-70°42.873	42.7415	-70.7145	34-3
121-180	9/5/2025	42°35.097	-70°36.591	42.5850	-70.6099	35-1
121-180	9/6/2025	42°42.690	-70°36.055	42.7115	-70.6009	35-2
121-180	9/6/2025	42°41.530	-70°33.544	42.6922	-70.5591	35-3
181+	9/5/2025	42°36.950	-70°32.406	42.6158	-70.5401	36-1
181+	9/6/2025	42°44.225	-70°36.806	42.7371	-70.6134	36-2

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations for Massachusetts Bay.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/4/2025	42°16.741	-70°51.352	42.2790	-70.8559	31-4
0-30'	9/5/2025	42°27.135	-70°54.998	42.4522	-70.9166	31-5
31'-60'	9/4/2025	42°18.197	-70°49.586	42.3033	-70.8264	32-4
31'-60'	9/4/2025	42°14.038	-70°44.350	42.2340	-70.7392	32-5
31'-60'	9/5/2025	42°24.535	-70°55.879	42.4089	-70.9313	32-6
61'-90'	9/4/2025	42°18.674	-70°48.731	42.3112	-70.8122	33-5
61'-90'	9/5/2025	42°26.587	-70°53.154	42.4431	-70.8859	33-6
61'-90'	9/5/2025	42°24.856	-70°53.931	42.4143	-70.8988	33-7
91'-120'	9/5/2025	42°26.779	-70°50.493	42.4463	-70.8416	34-5
91'-120'	9/5/2025	42°32.972	-70°42.876	42.5495	-70.7146	34-6
91'-120'	9/4/2025	42°23.410	-70°49.706	42.3902	-70.8284	34-7
121'-180'	9/4/2025	42°19.519	-70°42.164	42.3253	-70.7027	35-5
121'-180'	9/4/2025	42°22.238	-70°41.676	42.3706	-70.6946	35-6
121'-180'	9/5/2025	42°28.155	-70°44.002	42.4693	-70.7334	35-7
121'-180'	9/5/2025	42°32.367	-70°39.87	42.5395	-70.6645	35-8
181+	9/4/2025	42°22.598	-70°39.994	42.3766	-70.6666	36-4
181+	9/5/2025	42°28.389	-70°37.694	42.4732	-70.6282	36-5

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations for western Cape Cod Bay.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/4/2025	42°03.036	-70°38.371	42.0506	-70.6395	25-1
0-30'	9/2/2025	41°58.286	-70°36.565	41.9714	-70.6094	25-2
0-30'	9/2/2025	41°45.485	-70°26.896	41.7581	-70.4483	25-3
31'-60'	9/2/2025	41°49.047	-70°29.382	41.8175	-70.4897	26-1
31'-60'	9/2/2025	41°47.092	-70°16.849	41.7849	-70.2808	26-2
31'-60'	9/2/2025	41°46.043	-70°21.275	41.7674	-70.3546	26-3
31'-60'	9/2/2025	41°47.970	-70°28.128	41.7995	-70.4688	26-4
61'-90'	9/2/2025	41°52.402	-70°29.370	41.8734	-70.4895	27-1
61'-90'	9/2/2025	41°46.872	-70°25.049	41.7812	-70.4175	27-2
61'-90'	9/2/2025	41°57.079	-70°31.488	41.9513	-70.5248	27-3
61'-90'	9/2/2025	41°48.628	-70°23.456	41.8105	-70.3909	27-4
91'-120'	9/2/2025	41°52.006	-70°21.408	41.8668	-70.3568	28-1
91'-120'	9/4/2025	42°05.644	-70°32.594	42.0941	-70.5432	28-2
91'-120'	9/2/2025	41°54.185	-70°18.615	41.9031	-70.3103	28-3
121'-180'	9/2/2025	41°56.460	-70°25.557	41.9410	-70.4259	29-1
121'-180'	9/2/2025	41°57.100	-70°21.219	41.9517	-70.3537	29-2
121'-180'	9/4/2025	42°03.678	-70°29.701	42.0613	-70.4950	29-3

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations for eastern Cape Cod Bay.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/7/2025	42°02.775	-70°08.358	42.0463	-70.1393	25-5
0-30'	9/2/2025	41°52.413	-70°07.356	41.8735	-70.1226	25-6
31'-60'	9/2/2025	41°48.853	-70°07.467	41.8142	-70.1244	26-6
31'-60'	9/2/2025	41°51.790	-70°11.349	41.8632	-70.1892	26-7
31'-60'	9/2/2025	41°53.051	-70°08.718	41.8842	-70.1453	26-8
61'-90'	9/7/2025	41°57.738	-70°08.621	41.9623	-70.1437	27-6
61'-90'	9/7/2025	42°01.569	-70°08.336	42.0262	-70.1389	27-7
61'-90'	9/2/2025	41°52.571	-70°12.884	41.8762	-70.2147	27-8
91'-120'	9/2/2025	41°55.533	-70°18.190	41.9256	-70.3032	28-5
91'-120'	9/7/2025	41°56.515	-70°10.228	41.9419	-70.1705	28-6
91'-120'	9/7/2025	41°57.127	-70°12.946	41.9521	-70.2158	28-7
121'-180'	9/7/2025	41°58.919	-70°19.112	41.9820	-70.3185	29-5
121'-180'	9/7/2025	41°58.825	-70°14.263	41.9804	-70.2377	29-6
121'-180'	9/7/2025	42°02.128	-70°22.965	42.0355	-70.3828	29-7
181'+	9/7/2025	42°05.541	-70°19.216	42.0924	-70.3203	30-1
181'+	9/7/2025	42°05.365	-70°15.041	42.0894	-70.2507	30-2
181'+	9/7/2025	42°07.163	-70°25.228	42.1194	-70.4205	30-3

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations for areas east of Cape Cod.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/9/2025	42°02.949	-70°03.574	42.0491	-70.0596	17-1
0-30'	9/10/2025	41°37.298	-69°56.026	41.6216	-69.9338	17-2
31'-60'	9/9/2025	42°03.650	-70°04.343	42.0608	-70.0724	18-1
31'-60'	9/10/2025	41°40.081	-69°53.052	41.6680	-69.8842	18-2
31'-60'	9/10/2025	41°39.751	-69°54.913	41.6625	-69.9152	18-3
61'-90'	9/10/2025	41°50.420	-69°54.965	41.8403	-69.9161	19-1
61'-90'	9/10/2025	41°41.760	-69°51.967	41.6960	-69.8661	19-2
91'-120'	9/10/2025	41°45.904	-69°52.086	41.7651	-69.8681	20-1
91'-120'	9/9/2025	42°05.896	-70°06.972	42.0983	-70.1162	20-2
91'-120'	9/10/2025	41°49.340	-69°53.609	41.8223	-69.8935	20-3
121'-180'	9/9/2025	42°07.162	-70°13.479	42.1194	-70.2247	21-1
121'-180'	9/9/2025	42°05.761	-70°12.318	42.0960	-70.2053	21-2
121'-180'	9/9/2025	42°04.618	-70°00.972	42.0770	-70.0162	21-3

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations for Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°34.126	-70°54.169	41.5688	-70.9028	11-1
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°37.809	-70°45.205	41.6301	-70.7534	11-2
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°35.931	-70°48.665	41.5989	-70.8111	11-3
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°35.407	-70°46.466	41.5901	-70.7744	12-1
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°21.552	-70°47.234	41.3592	-70.7872	12-2
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°25.639	-71°02.472	41.4273	-71.0412	12-3
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°28.194	-70°51.892	41.4699	-70.8649	12-4
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°37.126	-70°42.171	41.6188	-70.7028	12-5
61'-90'	9/11/2025	41°26.602	-70°45.148	41.4434	-70.7525	13-1
61'-90'	9/11/2025	41°23.364	-70°48.153	41.3894	-70.8025	13-2
61'-90'	9/11/2025	41°23.858	-70°54.939	41.3976	-70.9156	13-3
91'-120'	9/11/2025	41°24.535	-70°59.884	41.4089	-70.9981	14-1
91'-120'	9/11/2025	41°20.928	-70°54.327	41.3488	-70.9054	14-2

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations southwest of Gay Head and south of Martha's Vineyard.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°18.126	-70°23.428	41.3021	-70.3905	11-5
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°17.587	-70°29.722	41.2931	-70.4954	11-6
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°19.427	-70°39.761	41.3238	-70.6627	12-7
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°19.781	-70°36.959	41.3297	-70.6160	12-8
61'-90'	9/11/2025	41°18.137	-70°35.569	41.3023	-70.5928	13-5
61'-90'	9/11/2025	41°16.997	-70°30.123	41.2833	-70.5021	13-6
91'-120'	9/11/2025	41°19.067	-70°53.556	41.3178	-70.8926	14-4

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations for Nantucket Sound.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°34.846	-70°20.884	41.5808	-70.3481	15-1
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°35.419	-70°02.948	41.5903	-70.0491	15-2
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°38.144	-70°04.843	41.6357	-70.0807	15-3
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°31.471	-70°20.074	41.5245	-70.3346	15-4
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°24.679	-70°09.885	41.4113	-70.1647	15-5
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°37.297	-70°10.994	41.6216	-70.1832	15-6
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°32.582	-70°18.248	41.5430	-70.3041	15-7
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°32.478	-70°05.854	41.5413	-70.0976	15-8
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°21.190	-70°16.715	41.3532	-70.2786	15-9
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°37.119	-70°07.381	41.6187	-70.1230	15-10
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°31.576	-70°35.319	41.5263	-70.5887	16-1
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°27.793	-70°29.389	41.4632	-70.4898	16-2
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°20.241	-70°11.464	41.3374	-70.1911	16-3
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°21.729	-70°06.854	41.3621	-70.1142	16-4
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°24.767	-70°04.886	41.4128	-70.0814	16-5
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°31.313	-70°08.787	41.5219	-70.1464	16-6
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°27.357	-70°07.331	41.4559	-70.1222	16-7
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°20.120	-70°07.027	41.3353	-70.1171	16-8
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°21.909	-70°11.756	41.3651	-70.1959	16-9
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°23.422	-70°09.298	41.3904	-70.1550	16-10
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°26.280	-70°27.498	41.4380	-70.4583	16-11

September 2025 fall trawl survey station locations south and east of Nantucket.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude		Longitude		Station ID
		DD MM.mmm	DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°17.685	-70°18.875	41.2947	-70.3146	17-4
0-30'	9/10/2025	41°22.564	-69°58.785	41.3761	-69.9798	17-5
0-30'	9/11/2025	41°14.302	-70°07.726	41.2384	-70.1288	17-6
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°16.741	-70°18.831	41.2790	-70.3139	18-5
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°14.024	-70°01.871	41.2337	-70.0312	18-6
31'-60'	9/11/2025	41°15.905	-70°15.004	41.2651	-70.2501	18-7
61'-90'	9/11/2025	41°12.715	-70°06.185	41.2119	-70.1031	19-4





